

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A non-gelling gelatin substitution product, ~~wherein it contains essentially a vegetable fat of~~ consisting essentially of at least 99 weight % cocoa butter, deodorized to an extent of 90-95%, and is in the form of a powder.

2. – 3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously amended) The substitution product according to claim 1, comprising an antioxidant.

5. – 7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously amended) A method for incorporating a substitution product according to claim 1 into a culinary preparation, wherein said product is incorporated directly into the preparation when the latter is heated to a temperature greater than 60° C.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously amended) A method of incorporating a substitution product according to claim 1 into a culinary preparation, wherein the culinary preparation has a moisture content of 40 to 50%.

11. – 12. (Canceled).

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the resulting culinary preparation comprising the substitution product is subsequently cooled to room temperature.